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[Signature] 29 NOV 1960

Mr. Philip M. Evans
Special Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Forwarded as a matter of primary
interest. For your information, I am
attaching a copy of our reply to Mr.
Polawski.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Assistant to the Director

Enclosures:

1. Polawski ltr. & attach.

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Mr. Roman Poulawski, President
Reefco Cooling System Constructors, Ltd.
7700 Cote St. Paul Road
Montreal 20, P. Q.
Canada

Dear Mr. Poulawski:

Your letter of 4 November has been referred to me and I would like to thank you very much for your courtesy in writing to us.

Since this Agency is not a regulatory one, I have taken the liberty of forwarding the information on the Linde firm, which you so kindly forwarded, to the appropriate government department for such action as it deems appropriate.

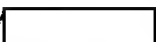
Your interest in such matters is greatly appreciated, as are your efforts to assist the government.

Sincerely,

Signed


Assistant to the Director

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November 4th, 1960.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles,
Director of Central Intelligence,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I read with great interest your article appearing in U.S. News & World Report, September 5th issue, and was preparing to write to you, telling you how much I appreciated it. It was most gratifying to recognize your awareness of the pronounced dangers connected with dealing with the present Russian system.

There is now a matter which I should like to draw to your attention. In connection with the establishing of a new electronic production, also in Europe, I paid a visit to the German factory, Linde's Eismaschinen Gesellschaft, Suerth, two days ago. This is a very well known company, and the largest in its field. As a result of my visit, I am quite at a loss to understand what is going on over there.

As I understand the situation from the press, the United States is making considerable sacrifices in its old sales market, for the purpose of restricting the sale of strategic materials and equipment to communistic countries. Naturally it is understood that such an action can be successful only if such material is not available from other sources. From the opinion voiced by yourself as well as by other officials, it seems clear the United States is fully aware of the necessity for these steps, and is protecting the western economy and defence production in every possible way.

However, I should like to relate to you what I saw during my visit to Linde's Eismaschinen Gesellschaft in Germany.

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After we had had a technical discussion, the Export Sales Manager was kind enough to show me the whole factory, and proudly pointed out to me the achievements of the company in re-building their plant after it had been totally destroyed by allied bombardment. In the main production space he showed me one small "portable oxygen plant" made under the NATO Pact. In the same building he showed me proudly the fantastically equipped and wonderfully well organized production line for turbo compressors, as well as a complete oxygen plant. The Export Sales Manager was also kind enough to explain to me that the whole production of the factory is going to Russia, and that they were overbooked for orders for at least two to three years for this line.

Every layman knows that liquid oxygen is used as a component in the fuel for guided missiles, and all other liquid gases are known as a medium for cryogenic cooling for all airborne equipment, as well as for high vacuum systems and vacuum metallurgy for semiconductors, and it is irreplaceable for welding and cutting of any heavy military or industrial equipment. As a matter of fact, Linde's is known as the pioneer in the field of gas liquidation, and was in very close contact with American Linde prior to the war. To the man who is not directly concerned with the question of the policy of western defence, it might seem that there is something wrong in this situation. The Russians are getting an unlimited amount of defence equipment, equal in quality to that of the Americans, and are also being provided with the latest developments achieved by American producers (Linde's Eismaschinen Gesellschaft is the owner of a licence for West Germany for American Thermoking Manufacturing Company, and several others.)

For your convenience I am enclosing with this letter a Linde's catalogue, printed also in Russian for the convenience of the customers.

You will appreciate that I should very much like to have your views as to whether any further steps could be taken to limit such deactivation of the defence effort by German and other non-American industries.

I should like, in closing, to give you my own personal background. My name is Roman Poslawski, born in Poland in 1922. In 1946 I built an electrical factory in Poland, supplying electrical steel mill and mining equipment. The factory, as a private enterprise, employed around 400 workers, 70 engineers. It was nationalised by the communist government in Poland in 1948, and I was sentenced by the said government to eight years' imprisonment. I was released after two years, following the nationalisation of my enterprise. I then tried to escape through Berlin.


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to the West, was captured by the N.K.W.D., brought back to the concentration camp, and sentenced to a further five years. I was released after two years.

In 1957 I succeeded in buying the necessary papers for the release of my parents and myself, and went to Austria. Eight months later I came to Canada, where I am running an electronic company, as president. The company is being financed by funds from American, Canadian, and my own investments.

I hope that my letter will be of interest to you, and that I may have the privilege of hearing from you.

Yours very truly,
NEEDCO COOLING SEMICONDUCTORS LTD.


Roman Poslawski
President

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cc. Senate Commission for the Investigation of non-American Activities,
Washington, D.C.